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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S STATEMENT RE PRESIDENT ASAD MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

- 1. THIS MORNING'S WIRE SERVICES REPORT FAHMY AS HAVING SAID TO THE PRESS IN CAIRO THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT ASAD DURING A TRIP TO EUROPE IN NOVEMBER.
- 2. AS THE ISRAELIS KNOW, WE HAD TOLD ASAD IN THE SUMMER THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A EUROPEAN TRIP BY PRESIDENT FORD. AT THAT TIME, WE TOLD THE EGYPTIANS OF THIS OFFER. THE SYRIANS WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO ACCEPT
- 3. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, JUST BEFORE LEARNING OF ASAD'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, WE HAD INFORMED HIM THAT PRESIDENT FORD SECRET

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INTENDED TO BE IN EUROPE IN MID-NOVEMBER AND ASKED WHETHER

THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A MEETING THEN. WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE, BUT THE ISRAELIS WILL APPRECIATE OUR VIEW THAT THE OFFER OF SUCH A

MEETING AT THAT TIME COULD HAVE SOME VALUE IN RELATION TO UNDOF.

- 4. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONSULT FULLY WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THE SUBSTANCE THAT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN ANY SUCH MEETING IF IT MATERIALIZES, WHICH WE DOUBT.
- 5. PLEASE GET THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE TO RABIN IN WHATEVER WAY YOU JUDGE MOST EFFECTIVE AND URGE STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY. KISSINGER

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